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SUBJECT: AIDE-MEMOIRE ON KIM HYONG-UK HEARING

REF: SEOUL 5425

1. REQUEST EMBASSY DELIVER FOLLOWING AIDE-MEMOIRE TO MOFA:
QUOTE WITH REGARD TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AIDE-
MEMOIRE OF JUNE 28, 1977 CONCERNING MR. KIM HYONG-UK'S
TESTIMONY BEFORE THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, THE EMBASSY OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS AUTHORIZED TO STATE THAT
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES REJECTS ANY IMPLICATION
THAT THE ACTIONS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE IN HEARING THE TESTI-
MONY OF A UNITED STATES RESIDENT ON MATTERS CLEARLY GERMANE
TO ITS LEGISLATIVE PURVIEW WERE IN ANY WAY IMPROPER. THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THE CRITICISM IN THE
MINISTRY'S AIDE-MEMOIRE OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE AND ITS CHAIRMAN
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UNWARRANTED AND UNACCEPTABLE. UNQUOTE

2. FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED ON ROKG AIDE-
MEMOIRE:

QUOTE
QUESTION: IS IT TRUE THAT THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT HAS HANDED

US A PROTEST OVER FORMER KCIA DIRECTOR KIM HYONG-UK'S
TESTIMONY BEFORE THE FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE?

ANSWER: YES. THE FOREIGN MINISTER HANDED AN AIDE-
MEMOIRE TO AMBASSADOR SNEIDER ON JUNE 28 WHICH WAS
CRITICAL OF THE FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE'S QUESTIONING OF KIM
HYONG-UK. AMBASSADOR SNEIDER REJECTED ANY IMPLICATION
THAT THE FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE'S ACTIONS WERE IN ANY WAY
IMPROPER.

QUESTION: WILL WE MAKE A FORMAL REPLY TO THE KOREAN
AIDE-MEMOIRE?

ANSWER: YES.

QUESTION: WILL THE EXCHANGE BE MADE PUBLIC?

ANSWER: WE DO NOT INTEND TO MAKE IT PUBLIC. UNQUOTE
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